Good Afternoon, this is Steve Mares, principal of Athens Drive Magnet High School with announcements for the upcoming week. A copy of this message will be posted on our school website and emailed to the PTSA email groups.

Thank you to all of the students who have done an outstanding job on completing AP Exams that started this week. I appreciate their efforts! There are only 16 more school days until we begin Final Exams. I would ask that you please help us encourage all of our students to finish this year strong and to begin to prepare for Final Exams. There is still a lot of time to do good work and I want our students to finish the year on a positive note. Thank you for your support!

We will have a PTSA General meeting in the Media Center on Tuesday evening, May 9th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember that Friday, May 12th is a Teacher Workday and there is no school for students.

Our award-winning band will be performing two Spring concerts this month. On Thursday, May 11th, the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will be featured; and on Thursday, May 25th, the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in our Auditorium and are free to all.

Come spend the evening with the Great Gatsby! Our 2017 Prom is Saturday, May 13th, from 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Raleigh. Tickets will be sold after school only in the Gym Lobby starting Monday, May 8th, through Thursday, May 12th, and are \$45.00 each. You must have your permission forms signed when you purchase your tickets, and if you are bringing a guest from another school you will need to get their approved permission form from the office prior to purchasing your tickets. Please keep in mind that ALL fees/fines must be cleared before you can purchase your Prom tickets. This is also true even if you already purchased your tickets online. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Maxwell in Room 2620 or Mr. Remaley in Room 2618. Please remember that we will be breath-a-lyzing all students prior to their entering the Prom.

I want to remind all of our Seniors and parents of Seniors to be sure and submit all scholarship information to Student Services so that we can properly recognize their achievements at our Senior Awards Assembly! It is great to be able to honor our students for their academic, artistic, and athletic accomplishments!

I also want to remind our parents that Wake County Public School System Assignment Strips were sent home this week with all students. The Assignment Strip informs you about your student's school assignment and transportation information for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

Congratulations to our Men's Lacrosse Team that will be playing in the Second Round of the State Playoffs tonight in Wilmington against Hoggard High School! Carter Cheek will be playing in the Men's Golf State Tournament and we wish him well. I am proud of the dedication and commitment our Spring student athletes have shown this season, I am proud of the way they have represented Athens Drive High School, and I thank you all for your support of our student athletes!

Those are all of the announcements for this week. Please continue to check the Athens Drive website (<u>www.wcpss.net/athensdrivehs</u>) for general information to help you stay informed. Please have a wonderful weekend. Go JAGS and please take care.